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:DECISION GRANTING PETITION :UNDER 37 CFR 1.378(c)

This is a decision on the electronic petition, filed January 16,2008 ,under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the 3.5 year maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is GRANTED.

The maintenance fee is accepted, and the above-identified patent reinstated as of January 16,2008 This decision also constitutes notice that the fee has been accepted. An electronic copy of the petition and this decision has been created as an entry in an Image File Wrapper. Nevertheless, petitioner should print and retain an independent copy

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